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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Previously presented) A network aware mobile device, comprising:
a transceiver, which identifies a plurality of networks with which the transceiver can communicate;
memory which stores information associating networks with individual user operations which can be performed on each network using the transceiver; and
means for executing the user operations when communication with one of the plurality of networks is permitted.
2. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 1, wherein the transceiver is included in one of a telephone, a personal digital assistant, and a portable computer.
3. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of networks includes one or more of a wireless local area network and a cellular network.
4. (Previously presented) The device as recited in claim 1, wherein the memory stores a user-programmable table, which associates user operations with network preferences.
5. (Previously presented) The device as recited in claim 1, wherein the means for executing includes automatic execution of the user operations.
6. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a function for determining an identity of a network connected to the mobile device.
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8. (Original) The device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a notification feature which notifies a user that information is available for download, wherein the information is automatically downloaded when communication is established with a network selected by the user.

9. (Previously presented) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the network selected by the user is selected from a list of network preferences associated with one or more user operations and further including an associated time such that if the associated time elapses a next network preference is employed to perform the user operation.

10. (Previously presented) A method for operating a network aware mobile device, comprising the steps of:

providing a device that is aware of a plurality of networks in which the device is located;

configuring the device to perform a selected user operation in at least one specific network;

when the predetermined network can be communicated with, permitting the user operation to be performed.

11. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the step of configuring the device includes assigning user operations to networks.

12. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the step of assigning user operations to networks includes storing user operation assignments in a table.

13. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the step of assigning includes assigning networks to user operations in an order of priority such that if a first network is unavailable a next network is employed to perform the user operation.

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14. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the step of permitting the user operation to be performed includes automatically performing the user operation once communications with an appropriately selected network have been established.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising the step of identifying the network or networks that the device is in.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 15, wherein the step of identifying the network or networks includes identifying the network the device is in by signaling networks to identify themselves.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 15, wherein the step of identifying the network or networks includes identifying the network the device is in by receiving network identification signals.

18. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the step of permitting the user operation to be performed includes notifying a user that information is available for retrieval and automatically retrieving the information upon establishment of communication with a user selected network.

19. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the step of automatically retrieving includes assigning networks to user operations in an order of priority such that if a first network is unavailable a next network is employed to perform the user operation.

20. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the user operation comprises at least one of checking email, sending email, downloading news, downloading weather, downloading stock quotes, downloading multimedia data, making a phone call, and making a long-distance phone call.

21. (New) A network aware mobile device, comprising:

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a transceiver, which identifies a plurality of networks with which the transceiver can communicate;

memory which stores information associating networks with individual user operations which can be performed on each network using the transceiver; and

means for executing the user operations when communication with one of the plurality of networks is permitted,

wherein the memory includes a list of network preferences associated with one or more user operations and further including an associated time such that if the associated time elapses a next network preference is employed to perform the user operation.